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Ye Smudge Pot

"Commonsense, Inc." of Oregon plans a vote on repeal of the Knox Liquor Control Law. There comes the vagrant thought it should be Commonsense, Ltd.

A notion originating in Seattle, Wash., proposes to give two votes to property owners, and one vote to all others. As only 43 per cent of the voters are able to find the strength to vote once at elections, it is feared doing it twice on the same day would be too much, and cause over-exertion.

Russia's conduct of the invasion of Finland is pronounced by the experts, the "most complete military failure in history." At times it looks like the commander-in-chief of the army was appointed to the post because he was for Josef Stalin, before he was named dictator.

The woods will soon be full of candidates, with the candidates full of wounds. It was so cold yes, several male members of the No-Hat brigade, who haven't worn one for months, accidentally picked up the nicest looking hat in sight and several were lucky enough to get one that fit.

"Probably the worst mistake Cook made after getting the appointment as WPA roads superintendent was that he did not immediately change his registration to democratic." (Oregon City Enterprise) - Political spanking noted.

A wanderer went through on his uppers the first of the week. He said it was a slow horse in Florida and not Herbert Hoover who made him what he was today.

DOUBTING THOMAS (Chilobing Thomas) "President Roosevelt's little plate-soda chat the other evening at the Jackson Day dinner in Washington may have been a clever political move, and the speech may have been funny, but that's about all you can say about it."

Seventeen dupes, charged with seditious conspiracy, carried on their plans for delivment, behind the noble sounding title of "Christian Front." The theme song of the outfit was "Reign of Glory We Are Here to See It So!" Flies never flew to molasses any faster than demagogues hied to this slogan and song. It's an old trick with bell-ringers, like singing "America" to drown out the sound of crashing glass, when the window of a courthouse vault was whammed with a monkey-wrench.

YE SILVER LINING "With new buggies no longer on the market it's a serious business these days when such a horse-drawn vehicle goes into the ditch. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver had the now rare experience of turning over in a buggy the other day. Neither was seriously injured and although the vehicle was pretty badly warped about, they feel that they came out of the scrape most fortunately. The best thing about the mishap, Mr. Oliver says, is that he has not been pestered by a lot of buggy salesmen." (Crane Mo.) Chronicle.

Princesses Visit London, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose returned to Buckingham Palace today for the first time since before the war. They came here from Sandringham castle with their father and mother, King George and Queen Elizabeth.

Hotels Now Fair Portland, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The central labor council removed 11 Portland hotels from its "unfair list" and announced a program of cooperation with unions in a new organization campaign.

U. S. Seen Market Brussels, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Former Premier Paul Van Zeeland today urged small Belgian manufacturers to seek new markets in the United States where, he said, there are "immense possibilities of development."

Comedy or Tragedy?

ONE hardly knows whether to laugh or cry over this alleged terrorist plot in New York City. It IS funny,—the idea of 17 would-be Nazis overthrowing the government and establishing a Feuhrer dictatorship. One regrets Gilbert and Sullivan aren't alive so they could set it to music,—a perfect theme for a great "Americana" opera bouffe.

One is even disposed to agree with Mayor La Guardia, who doesn't think Uncle Sam "is in much danger from 17 guys like these"—had they ever started anything, one squad of New York police would have had them all in Mattawan before sunset. And YET,— There is another side to it.

THE "other side" comes under the general head of "seeing things under the bed," BUT— Finding the "things" are really there,—live, able-bodied men, with bombs and guns in their hands! And with a man like J. Edgar Hoover confirming a grim tableaux like that, one can't exactly LAUGH it off.

IT IS ridiculous, these poor misguided "nuts" singing, "Reign glory, we are here to see it so!" as they are led off to their detention cells, while their relatives weep and wail. But it is also disturbing,— Not as a disease that threatens immediate injury, but a symptom that threatens future harm.

For while Father Couglin now roundly denounces the "Christian Front" and officials of that strange cult disown and discredit this "New York branch," the fact remains that this cockeyed "conspiracy," thus nipped in the bud, is the direct result of the sort of incendiary propaganda that has been dished out from the pulpit of the "Little Flower," and other headquarters for potential U. S. Fascists, these many months, as they have viewed with alarm the Communist and the Jewish menace, that if not resisted would soon be taking over the government of the United States, etc., etc., etc!!

NINE out of ten American citizens are not influenced by such demagogic nonsense, however inflammatory,—they might even like to listen to it, with that amused scepticism that is accorded the circus sideshow "barker" and when the storm is over, let the verbal deluge drain off their various and sundry consciousnesses like water off a duck's back.

BUT, the tenth man is,—and these accused terrorists in New York are composed of TENTH men,—misguided fanatics and crackpots, convinced they are consecrated in a holy cause of national redemption, and willing to die in the effort.

YES, the spectacle is a familiar one, particularly to those who were residents of Jackson county six or seven years ago and saw what similar persistent and accumulative agitation resulted in, in this section of the state. The leaders of that "civil uprising" knew better; so did nine out of ten of the citizens hereabouts. But the TENTH man—and woman—DIDN'T! And, it was that tenth man, that 10 per cent so shamelessly misled and misguided, that brought this part of the state to the very verge of open insurrection.

UNDOUBTEDLY had the G-men not acted when they did, there would have been bloodshed in New York or Washington as entirely needless as was the case in Southern Oregon. And that brings one to the most serious feature of the entire affair,—the difficulty in combatting what is a distinct national menace, particularly in war time, or other periods of emotional strain and stress.

No one wishes to curtail the constitutional right of free speech, and yet that right really ceases when overt acts of violence are the direct result of it. The great trouble IS, in nine cases out of ten, the direct connection between what is said and what is done,—the free speech and the overt act,—can't be proved, UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE!

Scandinavia Next?

NO DOUBT many Americans are surprised that Soviet Russia should be raising its mailed fist and shaking same at Scandinavia. If press reports are correct the Soviet Bear has all he can do to handle little Finland without branching out further to the north and west.

But such a threat will not surprise the people of Norway and Sweden. Only a few days after the outbreak of the present war, a Swedish business man visited Medford, and said everyone in Scandinavia was scared over the Russian menace—fearing Stalin would take over the forests, minerals and warm ports of the peninsula after he had captured Finland.

"Oh, yes," said he, Sweden would resist, but what could a few millions do against 200 millions, etc., etc! The Swedish visitor was convinced Russia would swallow little Finland in a couple of weeks. So while this Russian threat can come as no surprise to the Scandinavians, the successful resistance of Finland must be,—at least if our Swedish informant gave the correct view of public opinion in his native land.

So to a man up a tree it would appear that what little Finland can do, Sweden and Norway, with allied assistance, can do even better.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large numbers of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

PLEASE EXCUSE THE \$6.50 WORDS In a talk about sore mouth recently I cited a report on studies of "electrogalvanic phenomena of the oral cavity caused by dissimilar metallic restorations," which the investigators, Everett S. Lain, M. D. and G. Sherrill Caughron, D. D. S. presented in the Journal of the American Dental Association.



Then later, evidently assuming, like Hitler, that the world could take it, I perpetrated another one, namely, bradycardia—but it seemed I was still rather timid about it, for I took pains to explain at once that bradycardia means slow heart.

Nothing happened. Well, well, I decided, I have my readers intimidated at last. Now let's go. And the very next day I hauled off and handed them an article with a title calculated to appall nearly everybody: "The Ubiquitous Pneumococcus."

But not quite everybody. A "small, harmless well-meaning grandmother" who, judging from letters I have received from her now and again, is right up on her toes, inquires whether I have ever suffered from "electrogalvanic phenomena of the oral cavity" and fears she would if she even attempted to "mouth" the lengthy and awful diseases and remedies I am expounding these days. Why not, she adds, completely dismissing me, why not cut down the jaw breakers to such simple terms as Dr. Brady (Oh-Do to you, Grandma) has popularized to express so much to ordinary folk—such as "cari" and "vite"?

A swift upercut that catches me off balance with my neck out does more good than all the bewinding passes, and I thank Grandma E. E. U. for it and promise to give her letter a preferred place in my scrap-book.

Is my face red? Indeed, if the punishment fitted the crime that wouldn't be all. In extenuation for the first offense, I was quoting the title of the article (for the benefit of the minority of readers who generally want to know the source). But that makes the second and third offenses all the more flagrant, doesn't it? Very well, I'll go quietly, only

Club Foot Your little sister had helped me more than the nine doctors I had consulted for chronic stis trouble. . . . Youngest brother contemplates marrying into a family in which club foot seems to run in cycles. (Mrs. M. L. D.)

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THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER Released by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Holland and Belgium are again hastily mobilizing, but they are not the only neutral nations now in danger of sudden German invasion. Huge concentrations of German troops are reported on the Dutch and upper Belgian borders, from Cleves to Aix La Chapelle, but there is also authoritative word of heavy troop movements into Slovakia and the tip of German Poland, on the northern Hungarian frontier.

Opinion in the state department is sharply divided on the meaning of these new signs. One faction argues that the threat to Hungary is a fait accompli, since so few mechanized units have accompanied the infantry that the Germans hardly seem ready to strike to the westward. Another faction maintains that the threat to the Netherlands and Belgium is the fait accompli, and that Hitler is determined to mop up Hungary and Rumania while the Russians are preoccupied in Finland.

And still a third faction is inclined to think the signs are meaningless, since signs of the same sort have proved deceptive twice before within 12 months.

In November, the present pattern was almost exactly duplicated. Troop concentrations were observed in the same places. The Hungarians were secretly requested to grant German troops free passage for an attack on Rumania, and Italy refused. The Belgians were asked to promise neutrality in the event of an attack on Holland, thus isolating the Dutch from allied aid except by sea. They also refused, presumably after King Leopold's surprise dash to the Hague by night, to confer with Queen Wilhelmina. The German troops did not move.

Nevertheless, the escape was narrow. The best substantiated story goes that Hitler, urged on by such civilian hothouses as the slick Von Ribbentrop, believed that the war dead-end must be broken somewhere. He is supposed to have gone so far as to prepare the necessary army orders, and it is known that on November 13, emergency rations were issued to the German divisions chosen to lead the invasion of Holland. But after a sharp argument with his generals, Hitler changed his mind and tore the orders up.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S most startling (NOT most important) news: Seventeen members of an organization calling itself the "Christian Front" are arrested in New York by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (G-men) and charged with plotting to overthrow the government of the United States and replace it with a dictatorship.

THE DAY was set for somewhere around January 20. THIS is significant: The revolution was to be brought about by seizure of communications (telephone, telegraph, radio), transportation systems (railroads, bus lines, etc.), customs and post offices. Terror was to be inspired by the assassination of members of congress.

The plan was that when the people of the United States recovered from the shock of surprise and fear they would find the machinery of everyday living in the hands of the revolutionists. IT was a crackpot idea, of course; and it WOULDN'T have worked here.

We have seen it work in Italy, in Germany, in Spain, etc., but the American people are a different breed of cats. Instead of lamely submitting to dictatorship when they found their congressmen murdered, their transportation and communications systems seized and their customs and post offices in the hands of the conspirators, they would have come out from under the shock FIGHTING MAD.

The would-be revolutionists wouldn't have lasted long. BUT DON'T FORGET THIS: If the effort should ever be made to bring fascism or communism or any other of the numerous "isms" to America, it will be by some such scheme as this one said to have been unmasked in New York.

IT won't be BY THE BALLOT. BELGIUM and Holland are virtually mobilized, with a million troops along the German border. All leaves for British soldiers on the western front have been cancelled. New rumors are out that Hitler is planning to strike at Britain and France through the relatively unprotected low countries.

This is the logic of the situation: If you wanted to get somewhere and the shortest road was barred by a high fence, you'd try to get AROUND THE END. Belgium and Holland are at one end of the Maginot line fence.

National Capitol WITH John W. Kelly

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gressman Mott stresses the importance of funds to build, not merely survey, the Albany-Waldport line. Representative Pierce's stunt is to ask for construction and not a survey for the Dalles to Bend and enough money to build the line from LaGrande to Pendleton.

In congressional halls there is an unconfirmed report that Administrator Raver agreed to accept the estimates of the director of the budget. The man from Bonneville will be questioned on this and if he confirms the rumor then he will be told, by certain representatives, he should abide by his agreement and not endeavor to ask congress to exceed the sum.

THERE is \$6000 available for registered architects (they must be citizens in Oregon and Washington) who wish to submit designs for a \$300,000 federal building at Tacoma, Wash. Author of the winning design will receive \$3000 and will be employed as consultant during the preparation of working drawings and specifications, with another \$3000.

CONSTIPATION NEEDS ATTENTION IN YOUNG AND OLD

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Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago. TEN YEARS AGO TODAY January 16, 1930 (It was Thursday) Warm rain melts snow fast and flood is threatened in Rogue River valley.

Senator McNary wires something will be done at next session of congress about Crescent City harbor. Seven persons killed in county past year by car accidents, coroner reports. Walter Leverette plans movie theater at Yreka, Cal., to cost \$70,000.

Spring dresses will hide knees, fashion decrees. Pool to be formed to sell valley turkeys in Boston at 30 cents per pound. A number of horses reported starving in snow covered fields between this city and Jacksonville.

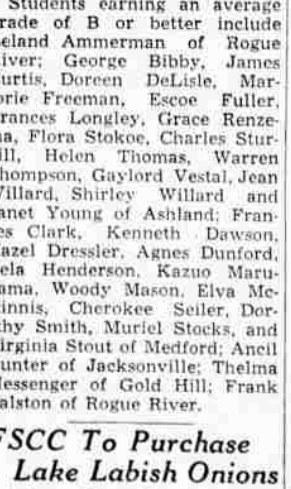
TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY January 16, 1920 (It was Friday) League of Nations is established at Paris meeting and "general regrets" America not represented. Jackson schools get second place in state wide thrift contest. British see disaster to Europe unless Russian advance is stopped.

Bill introduced in legislature to increase salaries of all Jackson county officers. Deposits in Ashland banks show substantial increases. Sugar shortage hits city, and price to be raised to 19 cents per pound. COAST BANK DEPOSITS EXCEED ALL RECORDS

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Pacific coast bank deposits towered high above all preceding records right after the start of the year, federal reserve bank records indicated today. Calculations pointed to a \$6,387,000,000 total on deposit in the seven Pacific slope states. Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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FSCC To Purchase Lake Labish Onions Salem, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The surplus commodities corporation will buy 78 carloads of onions from the Lake Labish district north of here, M. J. Robb, purchasing agent, said last night. The corporation announced it would purchase 150 carloads in Oregon. No. 1 grade onions will bring 55c a hundred pounds.

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